

a motion to reject the bid submitted by Standard Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$891,210.00, Commissioner Evans seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Grassy Pond Utilities Replacement

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated bids were solicited to replace the utilities for the RV park and cabins at Grassy Pond Recreation Facility. Mr. Stalvey stated this capital project will be funded by Moody Air Force Base (AFB) through a modification to our current water and sewer contract with Moody AFB. Mr. Stalvey stated K-Dug Corporation submitted the low bid in the amount of \$995,604.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if Lowndes County has experience with this company? Mr. Stalvey answered yes, they worked on the clearing and grubbing on the Land Application Site (LAS) expansion. Also, Mr. Stalvey mentioned they are well known in the Waycross and Blackshear areas. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned the below items:

- This week is National Probation and Parole Appreciation Week and Mrs. Dukes commended the Lowndes County Probation Department for their continued dedication and success. To show our appreciation, lunch will be provided Friday.
- Mrs. Dukes met with Valdosta State University (VSU) Director of Athletics, Troy Katen and partnerships were discussed related to work force development as well as internships with their student athletes.
- Crisis Track Software, a previously approved agenda item, to help Emergency Management in the event of a disaster, training has begun and several groups have completed this training.
- Tomorrow, Wednesday, July 24th Lowndes County will be hosting several young ladies from the beautiful creations by Channel program, sharing local services from the County and taking them to lunch.
- Thursday, July 25th, the Business After Hours event, "Christmas in July" is being held at the Rainwater Conference Center and is highlighting tourism.
- Monday, July 28th, Community Development Director, Rachel Thrasher and her staff will be hosting the Elks Lodge Kids Camp at Quiet Pines Golf Course.
- Thursday, August 1st Georgia Grown Trails ribbon cutting will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the historic courthouse.
- Lowndes County Animal Shelter was awarded a \$3,000.00, spay and neuter grant from the Department of Agriculture and staff will be going to Tifton tomorrow to accept this award. Fees continue to be adjusted to help the animals to get adopted. This grant focuses on pit bulldogs, which is the highest type of breed suffering from euthanasia.

Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what else is involved in the healthcare of an animal before adoption? Mrs. Dukes responded the Georgia Department of Agriculture has specific requirements to be followed which include spaying or neutering, rabies vaccinations, first round of shots, health certification from the veterinarian's office and microchipping. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what is the total cost? Mrs. Dukes responded close to \$200.00.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -

Burton Fletcher, 3533 Cherry Creek Road, addressed the commission regarding the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. Mr. Fletcher mentioned that Lowndes County needs an animal welfare commission overseeing the shelter. Mr. Fletcher mentioned with a new shelter being built, he believes the citizens